

THE USE OF FLOWERS.

God might have made the earth bring forth
Enough for great and small.
The oak tree and the cedar tree,
Without a flower at all.
We might have had enough, enough
For every want of ours,
For luxury, medicine and toll,
And yet have had no flowers.

Then wherefore, wherefore were they made,
All dyed with rainbow light,
All fashioned with supremest grace,
Uprising in valleys green and low,
And on the mountains high,
And in the silent wilderness
Where no man passes by?

Our outward life requires them not—
Then wherefore had they birth?
To minister delight to man,
To beautify the earth;
To comfort man to whisper hopes
Wherever his faith is dim.
For who so careth for the flowers
Will care much more for him.
—Mary Howitt.

CONFIDENCES

After the dishes had been washed and put away, Mrs. Pratt and her married daughter, Mary, sat down to discuss those things which they really wished to talk about. It is true that ever since Mrs. Pratt's arrival at noon the conversation had never once halted—as was indeed only natural, for mother and daughter had not seen each other since the latter's wedding day, seven years before. But while they had sorted over a wealth of conversational odds and ends, they had tactfully laid on one side all the pieces that interested them the most, until at last when the evening lamp shed its radiance over the room, mother and daughter sat down and looked at each other attentively.

Very much alike were Mrs. Pratt and her married daughter, Mary. The same perpendicular line marked their foreheads, the same tight lines com-



"THEIR LIPS ARE THE SAME."

pressed their lips, and each had the same firm chin. But Mrs. Pratt's eyes had twinkles lurking in them and her mouth displayed many a tender smile—twinkles and smiles which were not visible in Mrs. Pratt's married daughter, Mary.

"Mary," said Mrs. Pratt, "John doesn't look so contented as I'd like to see him."

John's footsteps were still echoing from the sidewalk as he made his way to the grocery store where he had worked for the last ten years.

"No, he doesn't," said Mary, shaking her head and setting her chin. "Though I'm sure I've done everything I can to help him. But somehow poor old John doesn't seem to get along like other men."

"Min-m-m," said Mrs. Pratt. "In the first place," said Mary, when I saw that his money wouldn't be enough for comfort, I made up my mind that I'd help, too, for when we got married I had my heart set on two new hats every year and a woman to do the washing. Anyhow, I got John to build me a coop, and I kept chickens and sold the eggs."

"It didn't pay, though. In winter, when eggs were eggs, the chickens wouldn't lay, though you can be sure I did my best to make them, and in the summer eggs were so plentiful and cheap that it didn't make much difference whether the hens laid or not. Sixteen chickens I had, and when I found out they didn't pay they lasted us sixteen weeks—once every Sunday John declared that he wouldn't eat them—but he ate them."

"Then I went into a sort of partnership with Mr. Valentine, who keeps the big grocery store where John works," continued Mary. "I was to supply him with home-made pies and cakes, he was to sell them, and the profits were to be divided between us."

Mary's lips tightened at the recollection.
"First off," she said, "I made too many, and they nearly all went stale, and when I made only a few it didn't pay."

"What did John say to all this?"
"He ate the stale ones, but I don't remember that he said anything. I was too busy to notice him much because I was opening the millinery shop just then. I wrote you about that."

"Of course if I'd had a proper stock it would have been different, but I

had to do the best I could with what I had. The first two months I paid the rent out of it, and along toward the end of the third month I had a rummage sale and sold everything out. Most women would have been discouraged at that, but I wasn't."

"It was then that you started your cooking classes?" asked her mother.
"Yes, I wrote you about that, too. But only four joined, and twenty lessons at three dollars a course was only fifteen cents each, or sixty cents for the four, and sometimes they'd spoil a dollar's worth of food in a single lesson. Of course John ate some of it, but I finally thought it best to give the class up. If I could only give him a little of my ambition!"

"Mary," said her mother, "I do believe there's only one thing you haven't tried, and if I were you, I'd try that, too."

"What is it?"
"Looking attentively at her, Mary's mother said a moment; then she said, 'Mary, I'd try to make him happy.'"

They both sat silent for a time.
"Well," said Mary, slowly, at last, "I suppose I might even try that."

And as Mary's mind busied itself with details, the faintest possible twinkle appeared in her eyes.

The night following the departure of Mary's mother, John came home and found his slippers waiting for him.

It was a little thing, but John's expression was a study as he put on his slippers, and when he walked into the dining-room he held his shoulders back like a man whose slippers had been found for him, and who was consequently conscious of his worth.

The next night John feasted on his favorite vegetable—which was cauliflower—and regaled himself with his favorite dessert which was cottage pudding.

He was still at the pudding when a neighbor's dog came and howled unpleasantly under the dining-room window. John opened the window and spoke to the dog with such a tone of authority and decision that the dog ceased and went away, abashed.

The next night John found a fire in the open grate, and when he had finished his dinner, Mary produced a corn-popper and a bag of corn, and professing ignorance on the subject, she let John teach her how to pop the corn.

A month or so passed, and one noon John came in with the step of a conqueror.

"Mr. Valentine called me into his private office today," he said to Mary. "He said that Mr. Wilcox was leaving, and he asked me if I could take his place. The salary is just twice as much as I have been getting, and it didn't take me long to say I'd try it."

Before Mary's mind rose a vision of two new hats every year, and of a woman doing the washing. Hope, long deferred, swelled in Mary's heart.

"Mr. Valentine said he'd been watching me the last month," continued John, and he said I'd kept on as I had been doing he'd be satisfied."

"John," said Mary, her voice shaking a bit, "do you think you can do it?"

"Do you think I can, Mary?" he asked.
"I know you can!" cried Mary.

"Mary! Mary!" whispered John. "And so do I know I can!" Youth's companion.

Amusing Visitors.
It is not every poet who possesses the sense of humor. Longfellow had it in unusual degree, writes William Winter in "Old Friends." Nothing absurd escaped him. Among the relics that he especially treasured was an inkstand, once the property of Coleridge. One day, showing that relic to a stranger who had called on him, he said: "Perhaps 'The Ancient Mariner' was written from this." "Yes," said his visitor, "and 'The Old Oaken Bucket,' who does that?"

An admirer of Longfellow's once wrote him, saying, "Please send your autograph in your own handwriting."

He has recorded a characteristic dialogue with a stranger lady, who accosted him one summer morning at his house door.

"Is this the house where Longfellow was born?"
"No, he was not born here."
"Did he die here?"
"No, he is not dead."

"Are you Longfellow?"
"I am."
"I thought you died two years ago."

That recalls the intelligent remark made to Walter Savage Landor by a lady who rushed to compliment him on his "Pericles and Aspasia."

"Mr. Landor," she said, "I haven't had time to read your 'Pericles and Aspasia,' but I hear it is very good."

Honesty It's Own Reward.
Trolley Magnate—Well, sir, what can I do for you?
Applicant—I would like a job as conductor on your trolley line. I am one of the legislators who voted you the franchise.

Trolley Magnate—Sorry, but we want only honest men for conductors—Judge.

A Gastronomic Discovery.
"Bobby," said the boy's mother, "here is some nice oatmeal mush for your breakfast."

"I don't like it," answered the youthful epicure. "Oatmeal mush is only just paste with the seeds left in."



"Going up to hear that lecture on appendicitis to-day?" "Now, I'm tired of these organ recitals."

Bess—That's a quaint ring you are wearing. Is it an heirloom? Tess—Well, it dates from the Conquest.

"The world wipes its feet on me," said the doorman. "And every man's hand is against me," said the push button.

She—You've seen Charley's wife. Would you call her pretty? He—If I were talking to Charley.

"If you had to choose between me and a million dollars which would you take?" "I'd take the million; after that you'd be easy."

"Nice car." "Yes." "Is it the latest thing in cars?" "I guess so; it has never gotten me anywhere on time yet."—Houston Post.

Church—Ever make any money off a Wall Street tip? Gotham—Yes, a fellow told me to keep away from there.—Yonkers Statesman.

She—He has a most extraordinary figure, hasn't he? He—That's so. I believe an umbrella is about the only thing he can buy ready-made!

"They say his wife was the inspiration of some of his best plays." "Yes. He produced them before he was married."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Visiting Relative—How aristocratic your father looks with all that gray hair. Naughty Son—Yes, and he's got me to thank for it, too!—Puck.

She—Confess, now, that you would like to see women voters at the polls. He—I should, indeed. Either of 'em North or South.—Illustrated Bits.

Patrice—You say she is a clever writer? Baudelaire—Very. Why, I've known her to use a fountain pen without getting ink all over her fingers!

"What do you think of a man with a rip in his coat and only three buttons on his vest?" "He should either get married or divorced."—Boston Transcript.

Scott—Half the people in the world don't know what the other half are doing. Mott—No; that is because the other half are doing them.—Boston Transcript.

Missionary (a little nervously)—I do hope that we shall agree. Cannibal King—Oh, I don't think there is any doubt about that! My digestion is excellent.—Illustrated Bits.

Wiggs—At the first night of Scribner's new play I understood there was a big house. Wags—Yes, but most of the audience left early to avoid the rush.—Philadelphia Record.

Football Coach (after the game)—Boys, are you all here? Quarterback—I'm not, I left an ear and part of a finger somewhere near the twenty-five yard line.—Chicago Tribune.

The Highwayman—Hands up! Give us your money, or I'll blow your brains out! The Victim—Blow away! You can live here without brains, but not without money.—The Sketch.

"I've often marveled at your brilliancy, your aptness at repartee, your—"
"If it's more than five dollars, old man, I can't do a thing for you. I'm nearly broke myself!"

Mr. Struckoff—That there sculptor fellow says he's going to make a bust of me. Mrs. Struckoff—Henry, it's dreadful the way you talk. Say "bust," not "bust."—Philadelphia Record.

She—How far can your ancestry be traced? He—Well, when my grand father resigned his position as cashier of a county bank they traced him as far as China, but he got away.—Pittsburg Observer.

Hiram Hutchins—Hope your boy Eph ain't on one of them college football teams? Abijah Perkins—Not much; Eph got ketchered under a steam roller once and he knows how it feels.—Boston Herald.

Mrs. A. (maliciously)—You were such a charming debutante, my dear, fifteen years ago. Mrs. B. Was I? I only remember you made such a lovely chaperon for me when I came out.—Boston Transcript.

Mrs. Pyne—Mrs. Blank certainly possesses tact. Mrs. Hyne—What is your definition of tact? Mrs. Pyne—Tact is a woman's ability to make her husband believe he is having his own way.—Lippincott's Magazine.

"Is he what you would call a first class newspaper man?" "I should say so. When the 'end of the world' scare was at its height, he had two editorials written—one to publish if it did come off, the other if it didn't!"—Puck.

Clancy—Oh, after a ticket for Chicago. Ticket Agent—Do you want an excursion ticket? One that will take you there and back? Clancy—Phat's the sense of me payin' ter go there an' back w'ith O'm here airidin'—Hotel Register.

"Before I married," said Mr. Henpeck, "I didn't know what it meant to support a wife." "I presume you know now?" "Yes, indeed. I looked up the word 'support' in the dictionary and discovered that one of its meanings is 'endure.'"
—Birmingham Age-Herald.

"That widow is a good manager, isn't she?" "Manager? I should say so. She got that house of hers practically fixed up like new for nothing." "How did she manage it?" "She was engaged to the carpenter till all the woodwork was finished, and then she broke it off and married the plumber."—Baltimore American.

COST OF A SILK KIMONO

Took Three Women and Five Men to Fix Value on One in Louisville.

It took five men and three women at the custom house and the silk buyer of a Louisville department store to fix the value of a kimono which arrived at the office of the surveyor of customs for appraisement, the Times of that city says.

It was a dainty silken thing, lavender in color, which lay on the table of Cashier Thomas for two hours. The garment was sent to the custom house by the postmaster at Somerset, Ky., who received it a few days ago through the mail from Japan. He did not send in the address of the owner.

This was aggravating to the young woman experts called in. "I know every woman in Somerset," one said, "and I'd just like to know who is going to wear that."

For half an hour it puzzled Surveyor Taylor and two or three of his men assistants to discover just what the garment was.

"It looks to me like the court gown of the queen of Zanzibar," said Clay Miller, who measures steamboats and superintends the loading of merchandise at the custom house depot.

"Don't you know anything at all?" exclaimed one of the women clerks, pushing her way through the puzzled group. "Why, that's a kimono!"

"What in the thunder is a kimono?" Inquired Deputy Sam Barber. "They don't have that kind of thing down in Bath County, where I came from."

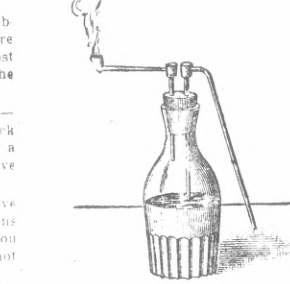
Finally when the officials decided that there was nothing dangerous about the garment they started in fixing the value. It was estimated to be worth all the way from \$1.50 to \$150. The kimono was finally carried to a department store, where the silk buyer said it was worth \$14.

Later the kimono was bundled into a box and started back to the Somerset postmaster with instructions to charge the owner \$8.20 duty.

THE SELF-SMOKING PIPE.

An interesting Experiment That is Easily Performed.

After filling a decanter about two-thirds full of water close it by means of a cork provided with two apertures. Through one of these, pass a short pipe stem affix a cork provided with two apertures. The apertures may be easily formed by means of a red-hot



SELF-SMOKING PIPE.

poker. The latter aperture serves to fix the pipe. Finally, with the other cork and a bent tube, form a siphon. After the latter has been primed and is once in operation it will tend to empty the decanter, and the vacuum formed will be immediately filled by the external air flowing in through the pipe. It is then only necessary to light the latter in order to see it smoke itself, tranquilly as long as any water remains in the decanter. This experiment is very interesting and may easily be performed.—Scientific American.

A Future Argument.
If the adoption of aeroplanes means an end to war, it cannot, according to the Cleveland Plain Dealer, mean an end to some of those disputes which make life for some people a perpetual debating school.

"Good gracious," said Mrs. Ebbs, "don't that your husband across the street there quarrelling with the man on the opposite porch?"

"Oh, they're not really quarrelling," said the wife of the man in question. "They dispute that way every night. George is a monopolist and Mr. Stiggins is a biplanist."

Terror of the Birds.
First Yodel. Wot about these yere hairyplanes?

Second Yodel. I'd like to see 'em all gormed! Last week we ad three chick en run over by them motors, and now the pigeons won't dare fly about in case some hairyplane sh'd cut 'em down. Life ain't wot it used ter be.—M. A. P.

Took Them In Too.
"The people on that farm are such warm-hearted, hospitable folks. They will take anybody in."

"I know they will. We boarded with them last summer."—Baltimore American.

From Bad to Worse.
Bibb—Why don't you consult a doctor about your insomnia? Slobb—What? And run up more bills? Why, it's because of what I owe him now that I can't sleep.—Tit-Bits.

Not Acquainted With It.
"Pa, what's a sine qua non?"
"Oh, pshaw, don't ask me! I ain't had my automobile long enough to learn about all of these technical names yet."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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MUCH IN LITTLE.

The mines at Butte, Mont. have a combined pay roll of \$3,000,000 a year.

The British Welsbach Company has begun manufacturing electric lights.

The Argentine Legislature is considering the construction of underground railways for Buenos Ayres.

It is just being realized that the Trans-Siberian Railroad was a poor job out of an engineering standpoint.

Electricity has replaced mules as the motive power on the street railways of Santos, the Brazilian city from which so much coffee is exported.

A dental college has been added to the University of Madrid, whose graduates will be allowed to practice in Spain without further examination.

In the absence of any form of census the population of Morocco is estimated at between 8,000,000 and 10,000,000. The great majority live in the interior.

Michael Idvorsky Pupin, known as the inventor of wireless telephony and who, according to report, received \$50,000 for an invention which is used in long-distance telephoning, worked his way through Columbia College.

The magnificent memorial church being erected in Birmingham, England, through the generous contributions of world-wide admirers of the late John Henry Newman is nearing completion. It has been built outside of the old oratory, so dear to the heart of the late Cardinal.

Occasionally an English railway section laborer cooks a rabbit with out the aid of a fire. All he does is to cover it with a thick crust of clay and immerse it in quicklime. In about twenty minutes he takes it out, cracks the clay (which has baked hard) and inside is his meal done to a turn.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

If it is necessary to stir rice, use a fork.

Always add a pinch of salt to your cake. It will improve it.

Use vinegar and a copper cent to remove paint from windows.

Always cook oats in boiling water and sprinkle them in a few at a time.

Mop off linoleum once a month with boiled linseed oil and it will look like new.

Dip a new broom in a good soap suds once a week and see how much longer it will last.

When making potato soup use about half milk and add an egg for thickening. It will be delicious.

Keep an oyster shell in the tea kettle and the lime will collect on it and not on the sides of the kettle.

If you will add salt to your starch the clothes will not stick to the iron, also add a little lard to make clothes shine.

When laundering starched articles in winter always add borax to the starch and the cuffs and collars will not lose shape.

By adding one tablespoonful of butter or a half cup of cream to the hot starch, starches can be baked without greasing the griddle.

When you buy new clothe-lines, boil them in water and salt and I know you will like the result. It toughens them and keeps them from splitting.

Always soak such things as dried corn, beans, hominy and rice over night, and it will save your fuel. It will not take one-third as long to cook them.

WHAT WISE MEN HAVE SAID

Luck is a small matter—L. S. Grant.

Who sows courtesy, reaps friendship.—Basil.

A good resolve will make any port.—Horace.

Make your life your monument.—Ben Jonson.

In all things let reason be your guide.—Solon.

Joys are our wings, sorrows are our spurs.—Richter.

Suspicion is the poison of friendship.—St. Augustine.

Jealousy is a secret avowal of one's inferiority.—Mastillon.

Men prize a thing ungained more than it is.—Shakespeare.

What makes life dreary is the want of motive.—George Eliot.

Genius begins great works, labor alone finishes them.—Joubert.

The blessedness or misery of old age is often but the extract of our past life.—De Maistre.

SPLINTERS.

Dog bite—Frankfurter lunch.

Phonograph dealers usually have good line of talk.

The man with the long head usually has a short tongue.

An insignificant little carpet tack has spoiled many a fervent prayer.

Some people think that they can set the world on fire by burning money.

You had better not make any New Year's resolutions unless you have a bottle of good glue handy.

Stimpson—What made Smith remark that it is better to give than to receive a few minutes ago? Sampson—It must have been that cigar that I gave him.

Severe Test.

Redd—And did they bring the chauffeur in that case in court?

Greene—Oh, yes.

"And did they shake his testimony at all?"

"Not at first; but they finally brought him there in his automobile, and he broke down right away!"—Yonkers Statesman.

Every married woman looks as though she needed a little more love, but what she really needs is a little more money.

TRYSTING PLACE SCENE.

Indiana Farmer Wants to Prevent Students' Recreations.

Six police officers with red handkerchiefs draped around their necks in cowboy fashion, with slouch hats pulled down over their eyes and each armed with a six-shooter, jumped unceremoniously from behind the rocks recently to frighten the Paw students who were strolling with their co-ed acquaintances toward Big Four Springs, a favorite trysting place among Methodist students.

Hiram Rudisill, a wealthy Putnam county farmer, owns a strip of ground known as the old Voss place, over which students for two score years have strolled, the Indianapolis News says. A narrow pathway winds between the hills, on the sides of which are tall poplars. In the fall and early spring of the year the walk is especially popular among the Paw men and women, who seek recreation and fresh air far from the classrooms and books. The walk ends at Big Four Springs, which bubbles in a picturesque valley. The whole order of things changed and Rudisill now declares those who walk this beautiful glen are trespassers. According to Rudisill's own words, he does not care for the "town people," but he is "after the students."

Last fall, it is said, some students used fallen branches of trees in building a fire, before which they toasted marshmallows, and this aroused the wrath of the owner of the property. Mr. Rudisill, fearing that damage might result to his place, warned the students to keep away and stopped up the springs. It is said.

The day the officers swooped down on the students was an especially fine one for "walking dates." By instinct the Paw students, accompanied by fair crowds of suitors, toward the favorite springs. Thirty couples in turn were the victims of these armed deputies, who did not politely walk up, doff their hats and explain in humble manner that the land had been advertised as closed. The scene was typical of the melodrama. The officers had the appearance of western bandits when they jumped from their hiding places, waving maces and revolvers and frightening the young women and their escorts.

HARD TO BELIEVE.

Facts About the Monkeys Which Cannot be Disputed.

Aesop's ape. It will be remembered, upon passing through a human graveyard, overcome with sorrow for its dead ancestors, and that all monkeys are willing enough to be more like us than they are they show by their mimicry.

An old authority tells that the east way to capture apes is for the hunter to pretend to shave himself, then to wash his face, fill the basin with a sort of bird lime, and leave it for the apes to blind themselves. If the Chinese story is to be believed, the imitative ape is even more fatal in another way, for if you shoot one monkey of a band with a poisoned arrow, his neighbor, jealous of so unusual a decoration, will snatch the arrow from it and stab itself, only to have it torn away by a third, until in succession the whole troop have committed suicide.

In their wild life baboons, as well as the leopards and many other monkeys, undoubtedly submit to the authority of recognized leaders. There is no recognition between them to the extent that when fighting in company one will go to the help of another which is hard pressed.

In rocky ground they roll down stones upon their enemies and when making a raid, as on an orchard which they believe to be guarded, the attack is conducted on an organized plan, sentries being posted and scouts thrown out, which gradually lead the way forward to make sure that the coast is clear while the main body remains in concealment behind until told that the raid is open.

From the fact that the sentries stay posted throughout the raid, getting for themselves no share of the plunder, it has been assumed that there must be some sort of division of the proceeds afterward. Man, again, has been differentiated from all other creatures as being a tool using animal, but more than one kind of monkey takes a stone in the hand and with it breaks the nuts which are too hard to be cracked with the teeth.

Kind-hearted Cuddie.

B. T. Merriman, the Yale golf champion, told, at a caddy's Club dinner, a number of caddy stories.

"There is sympathy," said Mr. Merriman, in the course of his amusing address. "Caddies show at times a sympathy that is fine and striking. Once, in a game, I had the good fortune to be six holes up on my opponent by the time the eighth hole was reached. At the eighth green some thing went wrong with our reckoning of the strokes, and I claimed that I had won that hole, too, while my opponent claimed that it was halved. After a mild dispute I yielded. But as I moved on with my caddy, I couldn't help grumbling:

"Well, you know, Joseph, I gave in; but I still think I won that hole, after all."

"The boy, with a frown, turned shocked and reproving eyes on me, disgusted with my greed for holes, he whispered hurriedly, so that my opponent couldn't overhear:

"Shut up, can't you? Do ye want to break the man's heart?"

Accepted.

"Miss Yerner," said Mr. Dudley, who is fond of dogs, "don't you think you ought to have an intelligent animal about the house that would protect you and—"

"Oh, Mr. Dudley," giggled Miss Yerner, "this is so sudden!"—Brooklyn Citizen.

Make a Noise Like a Trowel, Pat Foreman (calling up to workman): Pshaw! are ye deaf up there, Casey? Casey—Oh, layin' bricks, ay, coorse.

Foreman—Be hivinal! by the stillness ay ye, ye might be layin' eggs.

—Boston Transcript.

The Old Hens.

The ordinary laying hen seldom keeps her keep after the second or third year, and to say the least old hens are not as profitable as young ones. Now is the time to weed out undesirable specimens. Beginning shortly now, for several months the molt will practically stop egg production, and so, of course, the birds will return to the dead weight at once better to hold them for the cent or two advance in price they will obtain in the fall or winter.

Old hens can not, in the very nature of things, be expected to return a very fancy price on the market. Still, if they are properly fattened, they will bring from 50 to 80 cents each, according to the market, and that is an amount that certainly can not be despised if one has enough of them to sell.

Even though they bring less than the figures mentioned, it is still advisable to let them go at once, for the room they occupy is needed by the growing stock, and your time can be spent to much better advantage on the youngsters than on the old "has-beens."

Besides, there is always a small, and sometimes a rather large, percentage of loss among old fowls during hot weather.—Agricultural Epitomist.

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ALWAYS FEARS DEATH.

Shah's Life Continually in Danger—The Persian Shah's Belief.

Wherever he is, wherever he goes, the Shah of Russia is surrounded day and night by police and troops or by battalions and police patrols, says an English writer.

Not is the precaution unnecessary. Without this street guard his life would not be worth an hour's purchase. There is always at least one plot on foot for his assassination, and numerous attempts upon his life have been made. But so far the keen and restless watch over him has been so successful that he has never actually come face to face with violence.

It is for this reason perhaps that he has that personal fear of death from which so many rulers are conspicuously free. The German Emperor, for example, goes about continually without any very effective escort and has consequently looked the would-be assassin in the face over and over again. Whatever may be his faults, the Kaiser has no lack of personal courage.

But even his iron nerve may break down on occasion. When he came to England on the death of Queen Victoria a photographer managed to get close to his carriage window, and the loud click of the camera sounded so like the cocking of a revolver that the Shah for a moment changed color.

One who saw the attempt made in Paris on the life of the late Shah of Persia says: "The would-be assassin jumped upon the steps of the Shah's carriage and leveled a revolver straight at the head of his victim, pulling the trigger twice, but ineffectually. The Shah himself, looking directly into the barrel of the weapon, was the only spectator of the incident who was wholly unaffected. As no thoughtless as a graven image, the only expression upon his face was one of a slightly contemptuous amusement and when his assailant was removed he dismissed the congratulations of the officials with an airy wave of the hand, as though the matter were too insignificant for notice."

Answering the more formal felicitations that followed later on, the Shah remarked that if his death were not ordained by fate he could not walk unscathed among the united assassins of Europe, while if it were so ordained all the soldiers in France could not save him.

PASSES FOR A WHITE GIRL.

True and Pathetic Story of a Beautiful Octoroon.

"Passing for white is a phrase in quite common use among our people nowadays," said an educated colored man, a mulatto. "It refers to persons with colored blood in them who really do pass for white. There are more of these persons scattered all over the United States, chiefly in the northern states, of course, than white people have any idea of."

"I know of many curious instances of this sort of thing. For instance, in a large city of the middle west there is an octoroon girl employed as a head buyer for the most important millinery establishment in the city. This girl has a dazzling white skin, big blue eyes and golden hair. She is accomplished, of charming manners. She is not married, nor will she ever marry."

"Her mother, a quadroon woman, lives with her in the capacity of servant. The daughter has a pretty apartment. She mother does the household work. When there is nobody present she is the girls well loved mother. When there are others present she is Melinda, and keeps her place in the kitchen."

"The mother is entirely satisfied with this arrangement, although it cuts the daughter acutely. The mother is proud of her daughter, who is her only child, and naturally wants to be with her. At first, when the girl began to pass for white, she lived alone in her apartment, remitting money every week to her mother, who lived in a Tennessee city. The mother longed to see the girl, and she herself suggested the arrangement of which I speak."

"The girl's friends call upon her, and with her, and they haven't the slightest suspicion that the handsome, gipsyish quadroon woman who waits upon the table is their hostess' mother. It is an odd arrangement, but how else, in the circumstances, could it be arranged?"

Not the Same.

"We had a county judge down my way a few years ago whose love for Biblical lore was so pronounced that he